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MARK-ETA STRATEGY CHECKS JABEUR MARCH

Unseeded Marketa Vondrousova bests Ons Jabeur in straight sets, wins Wimbledon

A RESURRECTION STORY OVER MANY PARTS

The Czech, who won silver in Tokyo, has always had the potential but she has had real issues with various injuries. Last year, she had watched Wimbledon with a cast on left hand

What worked for the 24-year-old through the two weeks were her service games coupled with powerful groundstrokes from beyond the baseline. That was evident in the final as well as Jabeur who just couldn't get going after a strong start

NINTH UNSEEDED PLAYER TO WIN SLAM TITLE

- She is just the ninth unseeded champion at a Grand Slam. She is also the second lowest ranked player to reach Wimbledon final
- Serb World No. 2 Novak Djokovic has the opportunity to match Roger Federer's men's record of eight titles at SW 19 on Sunday. He faces 20-year-old Carlos Alcaraz, who he beat at the French Open P17

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VONDROUSOVA LOVES TATTOOS AND HAS INKED 13 AS HER LUCKY NUMBER

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India, UAE trade settlement deal in Re and Dirham

Payment, message systems to be interlinked; IIT Delhi campus to be set up in Abu Dhabi

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

INDIA and the UAE on Saturday agreed to start trading in their local currencies and interlink their payment and messaging systems during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's day-long visit to Abu Dhabi. Besides, an IIT Delhi campus will be set up in UAE's capital.

The warmth of the bilateral ties was on full display as UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan welcomed Modi with an embrace at the presidential palace. They also exchanged friendship bands.

"The manner in which ties between our countries have expanded, you have made a big contribution to that. Every person in India views you as a true friend," the prime minister told the UAE President.

"Trade in local currencies is a very important aspect of India-UAE cooperation. It paves the way for enhanced economic collaboration and will make international financial interactions simpler," Modi said. This was his fifth visit to UAE in the past eight years.

India-UAE trade rose to $85 billion in 2022, making the UAE India's third-largest trading partner for the year 2022-23 and India's second-largest export destination. India is the UAE's second largest trading partner. In February 2022, India became the first country with which the UAE signed a CEPA. Bilateral trade has increased by about 15% since the CEPA came into force on May 1, 2022.

The two leaders reaffirmed their joint commitment to fight extremism and terrorism, including cross-border terror, at both the regional and international levels.

The MoU the use of local currencies for transactions aims to put in place a Local Currency Settlement System to promote the use of INR (Rupee) and AED (Emiriti Dirham) bilaterally, an official statement said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UAE President exchange friendship bands

Early birds

Peekay Intermark Limited and YES Bank became the first users for settling their gold transaction in Indian rupees under the new local currency system. Peekay also set up its payment under the bilateral CEPA

BEST OF THE BEST

IIMB tops QS global rankings in MBA courses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

INDIAN Institute of Management, Bengaluru (IIMB), has topped the QS Global Executive MBA Rankings in India.

The QS Global Executive MBA Rankings were released on Friday. IIMB emerged as the best Indian institute offering executive MBA programmes.

The rankings determine the quality of postgraduate MBA courses offered across the world. IIMB was ranked for its two-year MBA programme for working professionals, specifically the Postgraduate Programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM). The course is designed for middle and senior level working professionals.

This year, 199 programmes were included for assessment. The institute emerged as the 16th best in the Asia-Pacific region (APAC) and globally 43rd. IIMB bagged 63.2 points out of 100.

"We aim to provide the best learning experience to our students and place a great emphasis on their holistic growth. Our focus has been on developing leaders who can be enablers and change-makers of tomorrow. We are delighted with the QS EMBA Ranking which acknowledges our efforts in career acceleration of our students in this programme," Prof Rishikesha T Krishnan, IIMB Director, said.

The rankings are based on categories such as career outcomes, diversity, employer reputation, executive profile and thought-leadership. For IIMB, the highest scoring categories were employer reputation and career outcomes, where it bagged 81.2 and 78.3 points, respectively.

INDIA SPIN WEB IN DOMINICA
Off-spinner R Ashwin grabbed 12 wickets in the match as India took 1-0 lead with a massive innings and 141-run win in the first Test against West Indies late on Friday. After his fifer in the first innings, the ace offie took seven wickets on Friday, triggering a collapse | P17
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5-wkt hauls in Tests so far by Ashwin. He is one behind Kumble's 35

DELIGHTFUL DOZEN

R Ashwin in action during the first Test against the West Indies on Friday. The off-spinner accounted for 12 scalps in the match, taking his Test tally to 486 | AFP

AMBIGUITY OVER

Cong finally decides to back AAP on ordinance

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

ENDING ambiguity on the Congress stance on the contentious Delhi ordinance, the party on Saturday said it will oppose the Modi government's assault on constitutional rights of democratically elected state governments both in Parliament and outside it.

The Centre's ordinance snatched back the powers of the Aam Aadmi Party government in Delhi over bureaucratic transfers and postings shortly after the Supreme Court ruled in AAP's favour.

The ordinance was a major point of contention between the Congress and the AAP with the former unwilling until now to catagorically announce its support on the matter.

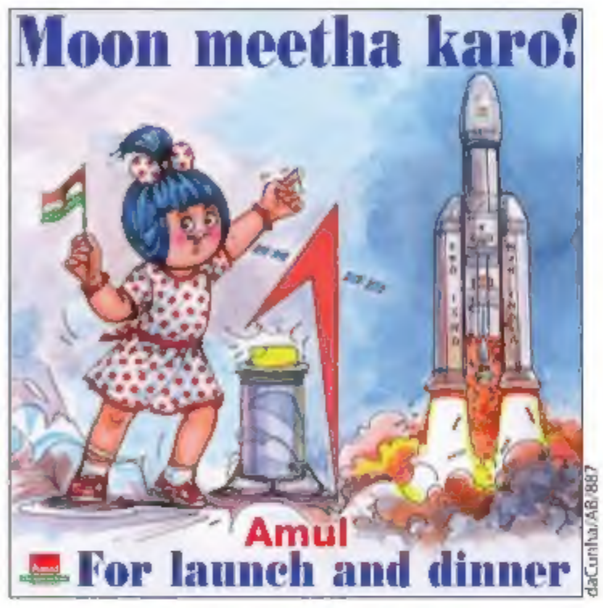
In a related development, the Congress said the AAP is expected to participate in the second meeting of the Opposition in Bengaluru on July 17-18.

The party's decision on the ordinance was announced by AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh after a Parliamentary Strategy Group meeting chaired by Sonia Gandhi here.

"As far as I know, AAP is one of the 24 Opposition parties that will attend Bengaluru meeting"

Jairam Ramesh

When asked whether the Congress will oppose the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023, which will be brought in Parliament in the upcoming monsoon session to replace the ordinance, Ramesh said, "The Congress has always fought against the Modi government's assault on the constitutional rights and responsibilities of democratically elected state governments. We have opposed it in Parliament and we will continue to oppose it."



EXPRESS READ

Big relief for KSE in contractor suicide case

Bengaluru: In a major relief for BJP leader KS Eshwarappa, the People's Representatives Court has upheld the B report filed in the suicide case of Belagavi-based contractor Santosh Patil. Eshwarappa was accused of abetting Patil's suicide | P4

Registration for Gruha Lakshmi from July 19

Bengaluru: Registration for the Gruha Lakshmi scheme will start from Wednesday. It will be launched by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. People can register at around 11,000 centres, including Grama One and Karnataka One | P4

CUET-UG RESULTS

Over 22K score 100 percentile

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

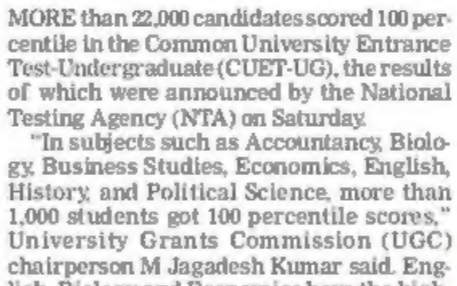
MORE than 22,000 candidates scored 100 percentile in the Common University Entrance Test-Undergraduate (CUET-UG), the results of which were announced by the National Testing Agency (NTA) on Saturday.

"In subjects such as Accountancy, Biology, Business Studies, Economics, English, History, and Political Science, more than 1,000 students got 100 percentile scores," University Grants Commission (UGC) chairperson M Jagadesh Kumar said. English, Biology and Economics have the highest number of top scorers.

However, not everyone is happy. Many took to social media to criticise the scoring system, saying their raw scores were much higher than the calculated aggregate or normalised scores that are provided to more than 250 participating universities.

"I was getting 758 as a raw score in CUET, now that score dragged down to 681 that's minus 77. This is a serious issue," a candidate tweeted. Responding to the criticism, Sadhana Parashar, senior director of NTA said, "The performance of every candidate has been evaluated using the equi-percentile method wherein normalised marks of each candidate have been calculated using the percentiles of each group of students in a given session across multiple days for the same subject."

Nearly 14.99 lakh students registered and 11.11 lakh appeared for the exam.



Property papers at doorstep soon

Kids' views for Brand B'luru

Children's views will be taken while chalking out the Brand Bengaluru policy. Shivakumar said the government has directed authorities to organize meetings with high school and college students and hold debate competitions to record their views.

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday said that the state government has decided to introduce a system where property documents will be delivered at one's doorstep in Bengaluru.

Revealing this to the media on the sidelines of a meeting with members of various resident welfare associations (RWAs) to promote Brand Bengaluru, Shivakumar, who is also Bengaluru Development Minister, said all private and government properties in the jurisdictions of Bangalore Development Authority and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike will be digitized and mapped for the purpose.

He said stern action will be taken against those not paying property tax and misusing their land. "Each property will be mapped using technology. I have asked BBMP and BDA officials to scan and digitize property documents in a phased and time-bound manner." P5

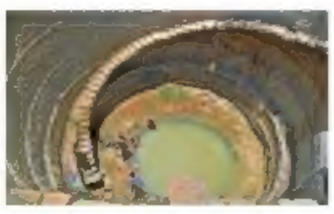
LIFE-GIVER

Groundwater level up in parts of Karnataka

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

REJUVENATION of lakes and tanks and clearing clogged water channels have significantly helped in increasing the groundwater levels in the state in the last 10 years.

According to the latest report by the Groundwater Directorate and Karnataka Groundwater Authority, the groundwater levels in 201 places went up during the period and saw a dip in 32 observatory borewells in 233 taluks under observation till 2022.



The two departments assessed the data collected during the 10-year period in the selected taluks.

"The groundwater levels have increased after work on rejuvenation of lakes and tanks and filling them with water, and clearing the clogged water channels to ensure free flow of water into water bodies was taken up in Kolar, Channapattana and other taluks," Ramachandraiah, director of the authority, told *The New Sunday Express*.

He said the state government, gram panchayats and local environmental activists undertook this work. A thorough study of groundwater levels is on.

The report stated that the groundwater level increased by 50.12 metres, the highest, in Kolar. Chincholli in Kalaburagi district topped the list of taluks as far as decline in the level is concerned. The level dipped by 7.42m in Chincholli. P5

"The number of observatory borewells has to be increased in view of over exploitation of groundwater"

Official